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ARTICLE ON THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE JANUARY 29 CUMHURIYET, INA COLUMN ENTITLED
" WILL THE DIFFICULTIES WITH UNCLE SAM BE CLEARED UP IN
FEBRUARY," REPORTED THAT "EITHER TURKEY WILL RETURN TO HER
FORMER DOCILE FOREIGN POLICY AND GIVE UP ITS DEMAND FOR
GUARANTEES...OR THE BASES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AMERICAN
COMES TO TERMS.", THE ARTICLE STATED THAT "FOREIGN MINISTRY"
SOURCES SAID THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON EITHER
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. THE ARTICLE
NOTED THAT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REASONS
THE US HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
GUARANTEES ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; CONSEQUENTLY, THE
"TECHNICIANS" NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT HAVE LEFT THE
QUESTION OF GUARANTEES TO THE "POLITICIAN".
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3. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WILL VISIT THE US IN FEBRUARY TO "EXPLAIN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO "INFLUENCE" CONGRESSMEN, "A MODERATE ATTITUDE" IS NECESSARY; THEREFORE, THE ARTICLE STATES THAT "IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT CAGLAYANIGL CAN EXPLAIN TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS."

4. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE "TURKISH SIDE," WHICH HAD REQUESTED DOLLARS 1.5 BILLION "AS A GUARANTEE FOR FIVE YEARS," DID NOT CONSIDER THE DOLLARS 205 MILLION PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THIS YEAR AS A "GUARANTEE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A COMMON DEFENSE AGREEMENT. THAT IS TO SAY, (TURKEY) WANTS MONEY FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE FOREIGN AID BILL, NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS AND FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS."

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